

CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE—INDEPENDENCE OF TEXAS.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CONNECTICUT.

JUNE 25, 1836.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, May 27, 1836.

Whereas, the people of Connecticut, one of the free and sovereign States of this Republic, have witnessed, with feelings of sympathy, the struggle of the people of Texas to secure to themselves independence and freedom; and whereas, in maintaining their just and unalienable rights, that people have been compelled to resist the power and oppose the dominion of vastly superior numbers, who have exhibited more than savage ferocity and barbarity—devastating their country with the avowed object of either exterminating them, or reducing them to a state of absolute dependence and subjugation; and whereas, in this unequal contest, the Texians have exhibited a degree of wisdom and firmness, moderation and bravery, that commands the sympathy of every friend of liberty and of his race—contending as they are for their rights against barbarians, who have violated promises, broken faith, and murdered in cool blood defenceless and confiding persons! and whereas, the people of Texas, through their representatives, have declared themselves independent, organized their form of government, and published to the world their intention to become a free, sovereign, and independent nation, distinct from and independent of Mexico; and whereas, appreciating the high resolve and unalterable determination of this gallant people to live free or die, believing, from what has already transpired, that their independence can and will be sustained, it becomes a matter of duty and justice on the part of this Government to acknowledge their independence, and to recognize them as belonging to the family of nations: Therefore,

*Resolved by the members of the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened.* That the Senators from this State in the Congress of the United States be, and they are hereby, instructed, and the Representatives requested, to use their best endeavors to procure the acknowledgment, on the part of the United States, of the independence of Texas; and that it be recognized as a free, sovereign, and independent nation, as soon as may be consistent with our existing relations with foreign nations.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the Governor be requested to communicate copies of this preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

CHAUNCEY F. CLEAVELAND,

*Speaker of the House of Reps.*

EBENEZER STODDARD,

*President of the Senate.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, SS.

*New Haven, June 8, A. D. 1836.*

SIR: In compliance with the request therein contained, I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying resolutions, passed by the General Assembly of this State, at its May session, A. D. 1836.

I am, &c.

HENRY W. EDWARDS.

To the Hon. ISAAC TOUCEY,

*House of Representatives,*

*Washington, D. C.*